

App. No. 10/618,746
Amtd. dated October 4, 2005
Response to July 11, 2005 Office Action

REMARKS

Claims 2-12 are pending. Previously presented claims 5-9 were allowed in the Notice of Allowance dated December 21, 2004 and in the July 11, 2005 Office Action. Previously presented Claims 2, 3, and 4 were indicated as being allowable subject to correction of the identified informality. That is, substituting in claim 2 "comprising" for "characterized by" (not "characterized in that" as set forth in the Office Action).

However, the indication of allowability of claim 4 appears to be inconsistent with the rejection on page 2 of the Office Action. Claim 4 has been amended here to recite that the media is chelated. Claim 10 has been amended to recite a similar limitation. Claims 11 and 12 further define the inventions of claims 4 and 10 respectively by reciting that the media is cross-linked agarose which is chelated with nickel. These limitations are believed to be fully supported and enabled by the specification.

Applicant respectfully solicits entry of and favorable consideration of this amendment filed pursuant to the Jul 11, 2005 Office Action. If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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